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SUBJ: SINAI II PROBLEMS -- US PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE

REF (A) STATE 223831, (B) CAIRO 12327, (C) TEL AVIV 6295,

1. WISH TO POINT OUT CONFLICT BETWEEN WHAT I RESPONDED
TO GEN GAMASY SEP 13 (PARA 1 REF B) AND WHAT GEN GAZIT
ASSERTED TO AMB TOON (PARA 3 REF C) CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE
AND PURPOSE OF THE BLEE-FITZGERALD DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELIS.
I INTERPRETED REF A TO MEAN THAT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WAS
THE CRITERIA USED BY OUR PHOTO INTERPRETERS TO IDENTIFY
BATTALIONS AND NOT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE EGYPTIANS HAVE
IN FACT HAD EXCESS BATTALIONS IN LIMITED ARMAMENTS ZONE,
ALTHOUGH THE LATTER ASPECT IS BOUND TO ENTER THE DISCUSSIONS
WINCE IT IS BASIC REASON FOR BLEE-FITZGERALD MISSION. ADDIT-
IONAL MATTER OF FORTIFICATIONS BETWEEN LINES A AND E, WHICH
GEN GAZIT WANTS TO DISCUSS, WAS NOT MENTIONED IN REF A.

2. THIS MAY BE ONLY MATTER OF NUANCE, BUT IF I HAVE MIS-
UNDERSTOOD NATURE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AND THUS MISREPRESENTED
THEM TO GEN GAMASY, PLEASE INFORM ME SO THAT I CAN CORRECT
GEN GAMASY'S IMPRESSIONS.

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